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CHOICE POTATO CROP.

For the first time in many years the potato crop in the United States is in large quantities. Further, the failure of the home crop bids fair to be more than a mere sporadic instance. Through long production by means of "seed" potatoes have almost all other plants under similar circumstances, have, in consequence, become weakened and subject to all sorts of diseases.

PURE FOOD LAW.

What is considered the strictest pure food law in the United States, its enforcement is entrusted to the state board of health. A chief food inspector, with a sufficient number of deputies, is authorized to examine everything used for human consumption as food or drink, no matter where produced, and to make water supplies, if impure, are subject to condemnation. The penalties apply to the manufacturer, the distributor, or the consumer, if he is found to eat or drink that is not pure.

SUCCESSFUL TEST.

In an experimental test, a submarine boat with a crew of six or seven persons, remained submerged at New York for fifteen hours. The top of the boat was six feet below the surface. The crew reported that there was not the slightest discomfort to them during their more than fifteen hours of submersion below the surface. Cable of the Holland company, who was in command, said the boat could have remained down three months if there were food enough on board. Although there were six feet of water over the top of the boat, the crew on board felt nothing of the storm which was raging during the latter part of the period they were submerged.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS.

A master roll of the union armies of the world, showing that out of 2,000,000 in round numbers three-fourths were native Americans; Germany furnished 170,000; Ireland 150,000; England 140,000; France 130,000; and other countries 75,000. In all about 500,000 foreigners; 48 per cent of the soldiers were farmers, 27 per cent mechanics, 15 per cent laborers, 5 per cent vocational men, and 4 per cent were of miscellaneous vocations. The average height of our soldiers was 5 feet 8 1/2 inches, including the large number of recruits, from 20 years of age. Out of 1,000,000 men whose heights were recorded, there were 3,615 over 6 feet 3 inches and some were over 7 feet.

BEST SUGAR FACTORIES.

The best sugar industry in the United States has been established in the Hawaiian Islands. Since that law was enacted, in 1897, some thirty best sugar factories have been built, whereas only ten were in operation at the time the law was enacted. The forty factories now in operation represent a total investment of about \$50,000,000, and they are capable of producing one-fifth of the sugar consumed in the United States. Under the Wilson tariff, from 1894 to 1897, not a single best sugar factory has been built, whereas in 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 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